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SUBJECT: ZIA RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM MUSLIM LEAGUE, CONTINUES
BUSY CAMPAIGNING

REF: A. DACCA 2560 B. DACCA 2472

1. KHAN ABDUS SABUR, PRESIDENT OF THE MUSLIM LEAGUE, ISSUED A PRESS STATEMENT MAY15 IN WHICH HE SAID THE MUSLIM LEAGUE WOULD SUPPORT ZIA AND ASKED OTHERS TO DO SO AS WELL IN THE MAY 30 REFERENDUM. THE DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN EARLIER BY THE PARTY'S CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO SUPPORT ZIA "IN THE GREATER INTEREST OF THE NATION."

2. ZIA CONTINUES TO CAMPAIGN AT A FURIOUS PACE, ADDRESSING HUGE RALLIES AROUND THE COUNTRY AND MEETING WITH IMPORTANT INTEREST GROUPS. ON SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 14, HE BRIEFLY TOURED AREAS NEAR BARISAL AND PATUAKHALI WHICH HAD BEEN HIT BY A CYCLONE AND HEAVY RAINS THE PREVIOUS THURSDAY EVENING. BEFORE HIS TOUR OF THE AFFECTED

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AREAS, HE HAD HAD NUMEROUS MEETINGS TO SET UP RELIEF EFFORTS. LATER IN THE DAY, ZIA ADDRESSED IN DACCA A GATHERING OF 15,000 "ULEMA", OR RELIGIOUS TEACHERS. HE TOLD THEM THAT THE PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR ESTABLISHING AN ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THEIR DEMANDS FOR IMPROVED BENEFITS WOULD BE MET TO THE EXTENT OF THE AVAILABLE RESOURCES. THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN TURN

DECLARED THAT THE RECENT CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES FULFILLED THEIR HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS. BETWEEN THESE TWO MAJOR EVENTS, ZIA FOUND THE TIME TO PAY A VISIT TO THE ADAMJEE JUTE MILLS IN NARAYANGANJ.

3. COMMENT: THE ENDORSEMENT FROM THE MUSLIM LEAGUE IS THE FIRST THAT ZIA HAS RECEIVED FROM A POLITICAL PARTY. WE HAD BEEN TOLD TEN DAYS EARLIER THAT THE ML WOULD SUPPORT ZIA (SEE REFTEL B). THE ACTUAL PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT MUST HAVE PLEASED ZIA. IN ADDITION, HIS SUCCESSFUL APPEAL TO THE RELIGIOUS TEACHERS WAS AN IMPORTANT MOVE CONSIDERING THE LOCAL PRESTIGE WHICH THEY ENJOY. MASTERS

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